

Library as publisher: who takes the lead? A valued disruption

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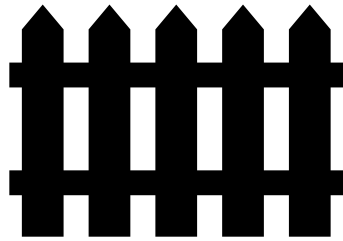
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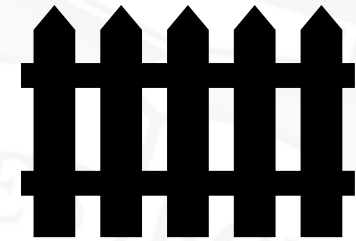
‘Library as a publisher’ = social justice imperatives

What is a social justice service?

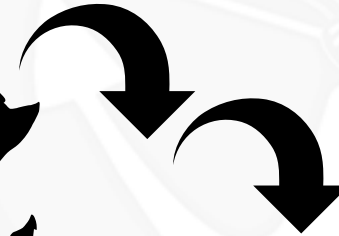
Breaking down barriers of unfair practices and inequalities (Lara-Alecio, 2016: 1)



Subscription



APCs




Nearly invisible research

Transformation in publishing service

- Social justice advances:
 - Diversity
 - Inclusivity
 - Equitable access

Academic libraries should be drivers of social-justice-driven publishing models

Role of higher education in knowledge production

- Participation of higher education  development

The university must become a primary tool for Africa's development in the new century.



Challenges for new African knowledge

- Access to knowledge paramount for new knowledge
- African publishing landscape challenges:

Poor internet

Electricity outages

Exorbitant subscriptions

High APCs

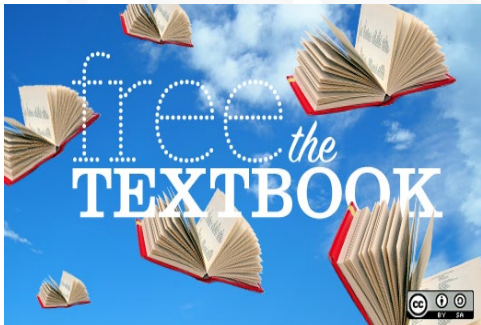
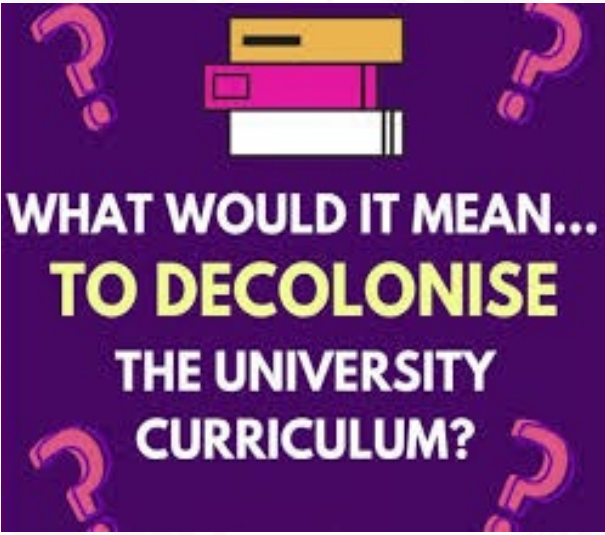


Alternate publishing for African scholarship



- A leading research-intensive university on the continent
- Sharing its scholarship due to moral obligation & social responsiveness, with the continent

Alternate publishing for African scholarship (continued)



UCT Libraries' publishing service

- Practices DIAMOND Open Access:
 - free to the reader
 - author does not pay publishing fees
 - openly accessible for everyone
 - academic rigour is ensured by UCT's senior researchers
 - BUT: does not conform to global north standards, DOAJ or DOAB



OPEN JOURNALS

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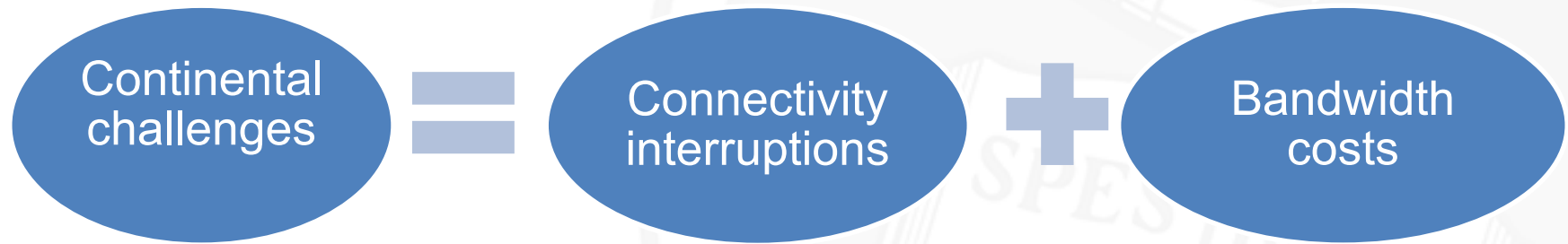
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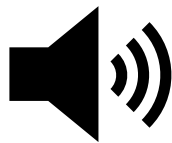
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UCT Libraries' monographs and textbooks: African content accessible to Africans; globally

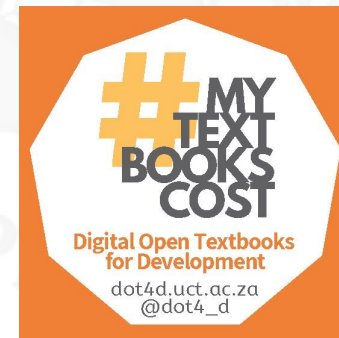


Solutions implemented by UCT Libraries: Inclusiveness



Establishment of partnerships

Partner with project, DOT4D, to support content development & publishing of OA textbooks at the university



Capacity building for institutions: having an Ubuntu spirit of sharing skills and know-how

Conclusion

- UCT Libraries publishes African scholarship by practicing 'denorthernisation' guidelines
- Social justice is the driver for this disruption of publishing landscape
- Publishes content for upliftment of African society
- Develops good African science for African development